

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024  
TELFORD STREET BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTER  
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**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 13, 2024 Telford Street Boardroom, Civic Center.

PRESENT: Wendy Yule  
Mindy Paradis  
Councilor Ryan Pollard  
Alena Mazur  
James Kollmar  
James Turner  
Kala Raymond  
Benjamin McDonald  
Brent Emery – Manager, Parks & Open Spaces

WITH REGRETS: Michael Hancharyk – City Representative  
Councilor Lars Hansen  
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ALSO PRESENT: Alysha Laviolette – Recording Secretary  
Shelby Lowe – City Representative

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mindy Paradis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

**- APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: It was Moved by Wendy to approve the February 13, 2024, Agenda.**

6/2024

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: It was Moved by James K to accept the meeting minutes of January 9, 2024, as circulated.**

7/2024

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TREE PROTECTION PRESENTATION**

- Brent Emery gave a presentation on tree protection and the tree protection bylaw.
- Currently working with planning, engineering, and development on standards of what to hold homeowners and developers accountable to, in terms of tree protection and tree removal etc.
- What does preservation of the tree look like, and what does it look like to developers.

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**REPORTS**

**Chair's Report**

- Thank you to everyone who showed their support on February 5th at the city council meeting. I know I saw James K, (thank you James) but whether you came in person, or watched online, we appreciate it.
- It was an emotionally charged meeting, and Wendy did a fantastic job at the podium. She answered the questions with ease, and I was super proud to be standing beside her. (thank you Wendy)
- At the city council meeting, there was a resident who brought up a study of species in our area, including the corridor between Telford and Saunders Lakes. My understanding is that the database she was looking at for the City of Leduc was inaccurate, and the database through inaturalist.ca – had a much wider variety of species. inaturalist.ca includes 664 species, and the study she read for the city listed significantly less
- Wendy and I will be attending the Board Development Program - Committees and Meetings Webinar on February 28th.

**Council's Report**

- E-scooter pilot was made permanent.
- Received presentation from EIA about drone delivery. The pilot project with the county and delivery drones is expanding into Leduc.
- Two parks were named.
- Council voted on asking the province to reduce the speed limit on the QEII through Leduc.
- Changes were made to the dog bylaw.
- Council received an update on Roesch Park.
- Special meeting for the apology, received a lot of mention online and on social media.
- Presentation from the hub, 38 people signed up to speak. Interesting to hear perspectives on both sides.

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- Passed first reading of the multi-unit waste diversion bylaw.
- LEAB update was very well received.
- Received presentation on pedestrian safety. The Willow Park pilot will include raised crosswalks and bulbs out.
- RCMP presented about RCMP priorities going forward. One of the main calls they get is mischief.
- The housing survey is out right now.

**Administration's Report**

- Big congrats to Wendy, Mindy and all of LEAB for a great update to Council and successful recommendation
- We confirmed that LEAB is registered as a non-profit so is eligible for grants that include non-profits. We encourage LEAB to seek grant opportunities when they can, and we can be here as a supporting resource. One example is the EcoTrust Grant, which is closed for this year, but LEAB could apply for up to \$50,000
- Volunteer Training Available – March 2nd and 9th - \$10 – how to recruit and train volunteers for your causes
- Citizens of Distinction: Our community development volunteer coordinator (Elana Hansen) has reached out again regarding the Citizens of Distinction awards and is hoping to confirm which board member would be interested in sitting on the committee this season.
- A reminder of timelines:
  - *September 2023 - nominations for Citizens of Distinction Award have been open since September 2023.*
  - *April 30, 2024 - deadline for nominations.*
  - *April 30 - May 3, 2024 - nominations are received, organized, and prepared for committee members to review.*
  - *May 6, 2024 - committee members will be emailed a link to an external drive to view all*

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*nominations along with matrix guide to review and rank nominations.*

- *Committee annual meeting (May 21, 22, or 23) - committee meets to review as a group, make recommendations, and vote on nominations. (Please note, this meeting is scheduled around the lunch hour).*
- Yellowfish Road keep on the radar – likely for the spring
- Does LEAB want to attend the Business Expo? April 20-21. Sat 9-4, Sun 9-3 pm. We would need one city rep there at all times. Could be an opportunity to promote the pesticide campaign - \$375

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

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8/2024

**MOTION:** It was moved by James T to accept the above noted reports for information purposes only.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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*Actionable Initiatives*

**Pollinators and Pesticides**

- Administration is putting together pesticide education campaign for spring of this year.

**Telford Berms and Buffers**

- Discussed the recommendations that were presented to council and the overall council presentation.
- Thank you, Shelby, for all the hard work you put into this.
- Went to Council Feb 5th and was well received!
- Administration is tasked with looking into potential opportunities further and reporting back before budget in June with estimated costs and feasibility.

**Light Efficiency Community**

- Mindy is working on the letter.

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- LEAB would like to have a subcommittee meeting.

**Environmental Plan**

- Draft plan is now available for LEAB's review.

***Topics to Monitor***

**Watershed and Coal Policy**

- No update

**Single Use Plastic**

- No update

**Tree Protection – Policy/Bylaw**

- No update

**Green House Gas Plan/CEIP**

- No update

**Waste Management – Business (ICI) and Multi-Unit (MU)  
Waste Diversion**

- 1st reading was passed – 2nd and 3rd reading will be on March 4, 2024
- Program to support property managers, haulers, and residents will roll-out early 2024 – but the Bylaw won't be enforced until Jan 1, 2026.

**Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**

- The City is officially signed on.
- EPR will start in 2025 for single family homes.
- EPR will start in 2026 for multi-unit homes.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

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**Yellow Fish Road**

- Wendy to let Yellow Fish Road know we are ready to support them.

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**Events**

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**APPROVAL OF  
BUSINESS  
EXPO**

**9/2024**

- Councilor Hansen suggested an info session for hens and bees.
- Administration has some budget for the hens and bees program this year.
- Potential Arbor Day dates are May 25 or June 8

**MOTION:** It was moved by Wendy approve LEAB's participation in the Business Expo

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Citizens of distinction**

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

- Discussed who LEAB would like to nominate.
- Wendy to work on nominations.
- Mindy and kala to write letters of support.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**10/2024**

**2024 LEAB Goals**

- Moved to next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** it was moved by James T to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2024 Telford Street Board Room

*Mindy Paradis*  
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Chair

*Alysha Laviolette*  
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Recording Secretary